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2. The associate of **Organisation Uebergangsanweisung** charged with effecting the crossing took the members of the Parteivorstand in their car to the zonal border near Horb, 6 km south of Neustadt (N 51/0 49), where they were smuggled across the border.

3. The member of **Organisation** Uebergangsanweisung recognized one of the two persons as Erika Wichmann, chairwoman of the Demokratische Frauenbund Deutschlands (Democratic League of Women of Germany) in the Western Zones. [REDACTED]

4. When queried about the other person, the driver of the sedan of the Parteivorstand identified him as Harry Schmidt, head of the Central Control Commission in the KPD Parteivorstand (ZKK). [REDACTED] He holds the highest rank in Western Germany; however, he is not as popular as Max Reimann. The driver stated further that Harry Schmidt had fled to the U.S.S.R. in 1933, is a veteran of the Spanish Civil War and served as a regular officer in the Soviet Army during World War II. He added that Harry Schmidt was proposed by the Politburo of the Communist Party (Bolshevist) to become head of the ZKK and was confirmed for this position by the Cominform. As a central figure in the KPD, he is one of the best-informed men in the Party.

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section combating oppositional groups while another mentions him along with Ferdinand Schindler as belonging to the Personnel Department in the Parteivorstand. Harry Schmidt was not known previously to be a ZKK member.

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